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Friday, August 04, 2017 9:35 AM

Subject:

Public Health, Safety & Welfare Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date

09-26-2017

Council/PH

PublicHealth

Committee Agenda Item

Ordinance prohibiting smoking in vehicles

Bill 70

Your position on the

matter

Support

Representing

Self

Organization

Do you wish to speak

at the hearing?

No

Would like to forward my outline for legislative testimony sent to state agencies to

appropriate people on Council. I retire from state and have never collaborated with City Written Testimony

Council.

Testimony Attachment

Accept Terms and

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samuelkakazu@gmail.com Friday, August 04, 2017 1:36 PM

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Fwd: Implications of Tobacco Use

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From: Sam Kakazu < samkakazu@gmail.com > Date: May 22, 2017 at 3:31:57 PM HST

To: jaylen@hiphi.org

Subject: Implications of Tobacco Use

Work Performance = as a supervisor in the service industry of non-union companies,

I have seen employees terminated for continuing to smoke in restricted areas or due to

non-attendance because of respiratory illness causing financial hardship for their families.

Non-attendance = as a teacher, I have seen the symptoms of asthmatic children worsened by second smoke leading to non-attendance and educational implications

as our academic standards are raised annually.

Reckless Behavior = as a high school counselor, I know of minors who chose to run or find other places to stay because they realize the hazards of second hand smoke or cannot tolerate the overwhelming smell of their home.

In other situations, minors avoid going inside their homes until very late and loiter outside which has led to reckless behaviors and tragic events.

Meltdowns = as a middle school counselor, I have guided students through emotional breakdowns, attempted damage control and mediated their relationship with parents because children do not fully realize the addictive nature of tobacco and feel they are being poisoned at home and in their cars.

Athletics = as an Assistant Athletic Director and coach, I have seen where participation and performance of students has been compromised by tobacco use and the affects of regular exposure to second hand smoke at home and in the family car.

Cultural Implications = as an urban garden, it is unfortunate that children cannot enjoy the fragrances of our mix of native and other flowers because their senses have been compromised.

Sam Kakazu

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